

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are please to recognize milestone events in  
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Bruce Hansen, an American government teacher  
6 at Zion-Benton Township High School, was the recent recipient  
7 of the Veterans of Foreign War's "Voice of Democracy" Teacher  
8 of the Year for the State of Illinois award; and

9 WHEREAS, Bruce Hansen received his undergraduate  
10 education in political science at Harvard University and  
11 Illinois State University, and he earned graduate degrees  
12 from Illinois State University and the University of  
13 Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, Bruce Hansen, prior to his arrival at  
15 Zion-Benton Township High School, organized and taught at an  
16 Illinois Law Enforcement Commission school for juvenile  
17 offenders in Bloomington, Illinois; he has taught in the  
18 State of Illinois for thirty-three years of which the last  
19 twenty years have been at Zion-Benton Township High School;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Bruce Hansen was appointed by Governor James R.  
22 Thompson as a Commissioner on the Illinois Juvenile Justice  
23 Commission and served in that capacity for ten years; and

24 WHEREAS, For the past twenty-five years, Bruce Hansen has  
25 sponsored programs honoring United States Veterans; his  
26 students have consistently placed well in essay and  
27 oratorical contests sponsored by the Veteran of Foreign Wars  
28 as well as many other veteran organizations; in 1994, his  
29 students won one statewide oratorical competition and placed  
30 second in the American Legion's statewide contest; and

31 WHEREAS, Bruce Hansen has gone beyond the duties and

1 expectations when it comes to the influence he has had on his  
2 students; he has continuously given of himself to assist his  
3 students to accomplish one solitary goal, to learn; he has  
4 taught GED classes two nights a week in addition to his  
5 teaching schedule at Zion-Benton Township High School; he  
6 always finds time to work with the students on special  
7 projects, like the Voice of Democracy; he has also sponsored  
8 fund-raising activities for the students as well as a trip to  
9 see the inauguration of the President of the United States;  
10 his most recent fund-raising event was for funds to purchase  
11 a bronze statue of the flag-raising event on Iwo Gima for  
12 Zion-Benton Township High School; and

13 WHEREAS, Bruce Hansen recently hosted a half-hour show  
14 where he interviewed local veterans on what Veteran's Day  
15 meant to them; he has been instrumental in many activities  
16 involving honor to veterans; and he has worked closely with  
17 the high school's Jr. ROTC program; and

18 WHEREAS, Bruce Hansen has been a member of the Illinois  
19 Federation of Teachers since its inception at Zion-Benton  
20 Township High School; he has served as a member of the  
21 negotiating team at Zion-Benton and as the Legislative  
22 Chairman of the Lake County Federation of Teachers; and

23 WHEREAS, Bruce Hansen and his wife, Sally, happily reside  
24 in Lake Zurich, Illinois; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
26 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
27 we congratulate Bruce Hansen for being the recipient of the  
28 Veteran of Foreign War's "Voice of Democracy" Teacher of the  
29 year award for the year 2001, and for his dedication in the  
30 field of teaching and beyond; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
32 presented to Bruce Hansen as an expression of our esteem.